



The College of Naturopaths of Ontario

Standard of Practice:

Emergency Preparedness

Introduction

The intent of this standard is to advise Members with respect to the requirements for emergency preparedness in their practice.

Definitions

Adverse effects: symptoms produced by a drug or therapy that is injurious to the patient.

1. Analysis of Level of Risk

The Member completes an analysis to determine the level of risk of adverse effects that may occur in his/her practice.

Performance Indicators

The Member undertakes a risk analysis of his/her practice based on, as a minimum, the following criteria:

- volume of patients;
- volume of high-risk procedures;
- proximity to a hospital;
- proximity to an emergency room;
- acuity of illness of patients;
- breadth of practice (performing authorized acts);
- access to emergency services (EMS).

2. Emergency Preparedness

The Member ensures that he/she has immediate access to equipment and supplies for use in emergencies based on the assessed level of risk.

Performance Indicators

The Member ensures that a crash cart is available, stocked with the necessary supplies for emergency situations based on the assessed level of risk.

3. Documented Procedures and Knowledge

The Member ensures that he/she is appropriately trained and competent in relevant emergency procedures.

Performance Indicators

The Member maintains valid, health care provider level Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (HCP Level C or HCP) certification.

The Member maintains written emergency procedures which are clearly displayed.

The Member ensures that staff is aware of and trained in emergency procedures that might be required in the course of doing their jobs.

Related Standards

Acupuncture
Blood Examinations
Compounding
Dispensing
Infection Control
Inhalation
Injection
Internal Examinations
IV Infusion Therapy
Manipulation
Prescribing
Record Keeping
Supervision of Non-Registered Graduates

Legislative Framework

General Regulation

Occupation Health and Safety Act

Approval

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Disclaimer

In the event of any inconsistency between this standard and any legislation that governs the practice of Naturopathic Doctors, the legislation shall govern.

